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SUBJECT: UAEG FORMALLY REQUESTS TIFA NEGOTIATIONS

1. The UAEG has formally notified us that it wants to negotiate a Free Trade Agreement (TIFA) with the U.S. and that, as a first step, it is prepared to negotiate a Trade and Investment Framework Agreement with the U.S.

2. UAE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Sheikh Hamdan bin Zayed told the Ambassador that the UAEG is interested in negotiating a TIFA with the U.S. He also said that he has seen a copy of the U.S.-Bahrain TIFA and is circulating it throughout UAE ministries. Ministry of Finance and Industry Assistant Undersecretary Khalid Al-Bustani passed Econchief a letter (dated June 16) from the Minister of Finance and Industry Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al-Maktoum to

Treasury Secretary Snow expressing substantially the same points. Al-Bustani told Econchief that the Ministry of Finance had passed the letter to the MFA for transmission.

13. Action Request: Please advise as to next steps we should take with the UAEG. The UAE is very interested in negotiating both a TIFA and a free trade agreement. End Action Request.
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